

REMARKS

Claims 14 to 24 are in the application, of which Claims 14 and 22 are independent.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on attached Forms PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,643,781
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,798,224
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,133,232
- (4) WO 94/14960 A2
- (5) WO 98/45436
- (6) Bossy et al. "Conservation of neural nicotinic acetylcholine

receptors from *Drosophila* to vertebrate central nervous systems" *EMBO J.* 7(3): 611-618 (Jun 1988).

(7) GenBank Accession Number AA057573 for Soares retina N2b4HR Homo sapiens cDNA clone IMAGE: 381523 3', similar to WP:T12G3.4 CE06440 STRICTOSIDINE SYNTHASE LIKE;, mRNA sequence (02 Feb 1997).

(8) GenBank Accession Number AA179549 for Stratagene HeLa cell s3 937216 Homo sapiens cDNA clone IMAGE:612765 3', mRNA sequence (31 Dec 1996).